

Overview of the proposed interagency agreement between the Kansas Health Policy Authority and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

The purpose of this agreement is to assure cooperation and collaboration between the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) and Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) in providing health care services under Title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act and state funded health care programs. The agreement represents current practice for the two agencies, and embodies many of the principles of program management, policy coordination, and Medicaid administration that have been imparted by the KHPA Board in its actions and discussions over the past two years.

- **Funding:** As the single state agency designated by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with responsibility for administering the Medicaid program, KHPA is responsible for allocating Federal funds, as well as reductions in Federal awards, to the appropriate agency in accordance with Federal requirements. The agreement details each agency's responsibilities in this regard, and describes the flow of funds, cash management practices, and Federal reporting requirements (Ref pgs 6-8, 20-23)
- **Program Oversight:** As the single state agency, KHPA is responsible for supervising and administering the State Plan for Medical assistance and operating the core payment engine for Medicaid (the Medicaid Management Information System, or MMIS). KHPA submits state plan amendments and waiver applications to CMS on behalf of all Medicaid service areas. KHPA will audit program plans and expenditures following statutory guidelines including establishing goals and outcomes for program activities. Both KHPA and SRS agree to full compliance with KHPA Office of Inspector General inquiries. (Ref. pgs 2, 9-10)
- **Policy development and coordination:** The KHPA is required by state statute to coordinate health policy for the state. The agreement establishes timelines and detailed planning protocols to ensure coordinated implementation of policy changes and initiatives by both agencies. Regular interagency meetings are to be held at the level of the Executive Director and Secretary, as well as the Deputy Director and Deputy Secretaries, to facilitate information flow, cooperation, and coordination (Ref. pgs 3,5,10)
- **Eligibility process and enrollment:** KHPA is responsible for Medicaid and SCHIP eligibility policy, but shares responsibility with SRS for administering those policies through the application, enrollment, and renewal process. The agreement spells out each agency's responsibilities in these areas, including training, data systems, outreach, reporting and oversight. (Ref. pgs 28-30)
- **Legal Proceedings:** Includes a description of the fair hearings process for providers and consumers. Joint legal consultation will continue regarding eligibility policies and procedures. (Ref: pgs 26&27)
- **Information Systems:** The agreement details mutual responsibilities for each agency in operating, accessing, administering, and modifying core Medicaid management and information systems, including the state's eligibility system, operated by SRS, and the state's MMIS, operated by KHPA. (Ref pgs 23-26)
- **Program responsibilities:** SRS administers and manages the following medical service programs. KHPA reimburses SRS the Federal share of allowable Medicaid costs incurred for providing these services, and provides oversight of program implementation and management.
 1. Public Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR)
 2. Home and Community Based Waivers (HCBS)
 - For Persons with Mental Retardation or other Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD)
 - For Persons with Physical disabilities (HCBS-PD)
 - For Persons with Traumatic Brain Injuries (HCBS-TBI)
 - For technology-Dependent children (HCBS-TA)
 - For services that are alternatives to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)
 3. Private ICF/MR
 4. Attendant Care for Independent Living (ACIL)
 5. Targeted Case Management (TCM)
 6. Substance Abuse Treatment
 7. TBI Rehabilitation facilities
 8. Psychologist and Psychiatrist Services
 9. Mental health treatment services including Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan services (PAHP)
 10. Waiver for children with Severe emotional Disturbance (HCBS-SED)
 11. Positive Behavior Support
 12. Institutions of mental disease